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WITH TRADE UNION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TUAC)

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1. OVER LAST WEEK, SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS HAVE BRIEFED  
MISSION ON SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS THEY HAVE HAD WITH TUAC  
REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING TUAC'S PLANS FOR APRIL 11  
CONSULTATIONS WITH CRIME, BECAUSE OF UN-CERTAIN  
LEADERSHIP SITUATION IN TUAC (I.E., NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL  
TAPIOLA WILL NOT TAKE OFFICE UNTIL JULY 1, SECOND IN COMMAND  
GHANADIAN  
HAS APPARENTLY RESIGNED), PREPARATIONS FOR CONSULTATIONS  
ARE ONLY IN VERY PRELIMINARY STAGE. HOWEVER, ACCORDING  
TO SECRETARIAT, PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT TUAC INTENDS  
TO DEVELOP ITS PRESENTATION AS FOLLOWS:

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A. OUTGOING TUAC SECRETARY-GENERAL HENRI BERNARD WILL  
ORCHESTRATE PRESENTATION. SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP, HOWEVER, WILL BE KARL  
LINBOM, FORMER SWEDISH GOVERNMENT MINISTER, WHO IS "RAPPORTEUR" OF  
TUAC  
WORKING GROUP ON MNE'S. WHILE GENERAL STATEMENT BY TUAC WILL  
CONTAIN EXPRESSION OF CONCERN REGARDING EFFECTIVENESS OF MNE GUIDELIN  
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AND PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING THEM, STATEMENT WILL HAVE  
"CONSTRUCTIVE" RATHER THAN "ANTAGONISTIC" TONE.

B. POSSIBLE CASES: ACCORDING TO TUAC OFFICIALS, GROUP WILL AGAIN  
CITE CASES AT CONSULTATIONS. HOWEVER, WITH EXCEPTION OF BADGER AND  
FIRESTONE (SEE BELOW), NO U.S. MNE HAS BEEN MENTIONED SO FAR AS  
"POTENTIAL" CASE. IT IS LIKELY THAT ANY CASES WILL BE PRESENTED  
MORE AS EXAMPLES TO ILLUSTRATE CERTAIN PRINCIPLES IN  
GUIDELINES THAN AS EFFORT TO FORCE CIME "JUDGEMENT" ON INDIVIDUAL  
COMPANIES. POSSIBLE "CASES" WHICH MAY BE RAISED INCLUDE  
FOLLOWING:

TUAC "INFORMATION" NOTE ON FOLLOW-UP TO BADGER BELGIUM CASE: CITING  
PROBLEMS WITH BADGER OVER PAYMENTS TO DISCHARGED WORKERS.

FIRESTONE COMPANY: WILL BE CITED AS POSITIVE CASE IN WHICH GUIDE-  
LINES HAVE AIDED IN SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF LABOR DISPUTE  
IN SWEDEN.

TWO CASES INVOLVING AIRLINE CONSORTIA IN EUROPE: ISSUE  
RAISED IS WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE TREATED AS MNE'S UNDER THE  
GUIDELINES WITH REGARD TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.

U.I. TOBACCO COMPANY: TRANSFER OF ACTIVITIES FROM  
HOLAND TO BELGIUM.  
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CANADIAN SHOE MANUFACTURER: LABOR UNION RECOGNITION.

2. OECD SECRETARY-GENERAL VAN LENNEP WILL HOST COCKTAIL  
RECEPTION TUESDAY EVENING APRIL 11 FOR BIAC AND TUAC  
REPRESENTATIVES AND CIME DELEGATES.  
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